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From: Way, Steven
Sent: Thur 8/13/2015 4:30:19 AM
Subject: Re: EPA and Ongoing Fieldwork at Mines

We must stabilize the opening, so we'll move it to the blowout response.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 12, 2015, at 8:19 PM, Matt Francis <m.francis@erllc.com> wrote:

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> Reading this it appears the shut down only applies to investigative work. Am I correct that RnB work is not subject to the stop?

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> Also, I believe the HW task at Gold King is assessment/investigative. Does thier SOW to safeguard the portal meet the imminent risk need?

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> Let me know. For now, I've told MES to show up ready to work at RnB. I expect HW will be asking me about this tomorrow.

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> Matt

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> Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note® 3, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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> ----- Original message -----

> From: Marilyn Smith <m.smith@erllc.com>

> Date: 08/12/2015 5:50 PM (GMT-07:00)

> To: Byron Hartman <b.hartman@erllc.com>, Evan Wortman <e.wortman@erllc.com>, Matt Francis <m.francis@erllc.com>

> Subject: EPA and Ongoing Fieldwork at Mines

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> Talk to your OSCs and let me know if this is going to affect your current or on-going projects.

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> <http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/administrator-mccarthys-statement-about-ongoing-fieldwork-mines>

> Administrator McCarthy's Statement About Ongoing Fieldwork at Mines

> August 12, 2015: While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. We are in the process of initiating an independent assessment by a sister federal agency or another external entity to examine the factors that led to last week's incident. Based on the outcome from that assessment, we will determine what actions may be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions.

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